

Today

Is There a Soul?  
10,000 Smokes Erupt.  
Who Sends Earthquakes?  
How Do YOU Explain Them?

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You read "Helen Keller Works to Help the Actors on Strike." Often you have heard that young woman's name, often you have considered, amazed, the phenomenon that she presents. Again you wonder, and again realize that this young woman, living in silent darkness, answers forever the question: "Have human beings really a soul?"

Helen Keller was born deaf and blind. Because she was deaf, she was dumb. Not hearing speech, she could not speak.

And today she is an educated woman, knowing the world through her mind, as well as you know it through your senses, and living not for herself but to help others.

Except for the soul within her, Helen Keller's head might be compared to a block of stone by the roadside. She does not know what sight or sound means. The lightning flashing and thunder roaring are no more to her than to a stone. She has never heard a human voice, or seen the sun, the sky or the stars. She can know music only as you describe it to her. Yet she knows everything that others know, for knowledge is not sight, sound or speech; it is intellect, another name for the soul.

Other wonders are trifling compared with the fact that a mental life prisoner, shut out from light and sound, can share the world's life and help in fighting its battles.

This is in all directions the day of wonders. For instance, in Alaska, in the "Valley of Ten Thousand Smokes," where the birds fly high for their own safety, volcanic peaks have suddenly become active.

Alaska may furnish the world one of these days an earthquake sensation, eclipsing all of those recorded in history. And earthquakes in history have done strange, sensational things.

In Japan one earthquake killed 10,000, and a few years later, in 1896, an earthquake under the water sent in waves that drowned 20,000. Special prayers have been recently been devised to prevent such disasters. The number of special prayers written to prevent earthquakes is greater than the total number of recorded earthquakes. What is more important, after earthquakes, rulers have hesitated to repeat prayers, and have taken heavy taxes from the backs of the poor, thinking God sent the earthquake to punish the taxing power. Perhaps He did.

In the great earthquake of Lisbon, most famous in history, the whole city was destroyed. Religion developed two interesting, conflicting opinions. It happened in 1755, while human beings were still a little narrow-minded.

Protestant clergymen in England immediately pointed out that the earthquake was sent to destroy Lisbon because it was a Catholic city.

On the other hand, those that escaped from the Lisbon earthquake, after devoutly thanking God, explained that the earthquake happened because they had allowed a few Protestant heretics to live among them. We shall not know until the Judgment Day whether the English Protestants or the Catholic Portuguese had the right idea. Possibly we may learn that both were wrong.

The devout people of Lisbon at least did all that could be expected under the circumstances. They took the few Protestant heretics among them and kept them by force. This did not hurt the heretics, and it did a good deal to quiet public anxiety.

Nearly all countries have imagined that the earthquake came in obedience to Divine orders, or that it was caused by some huge creature underground, turning over restlessly.

The Japanese theory is that the great catfish lives under the ground, shakes itself occasionally and causes the earthquakes.

We view earthquakes more calmly now. The moment news came of eruptions in Alaska, for instance, moving picture men hurried as fast as they could with their cameras to show the smoke, the flames, the lava, and the fleeing animals. And the Hearst organization, which records the world's news in moving pictures, sent a camera in a flying machine to find out just how a working volcano looked. The flying man will do well to imitate the birds and fly high. A good volcano shoots far up into the air, miles sometimes.

All of the above has, of course, nothing to do directly with the news of today. But it is perhaps more permanently interesting than the fact that in one of our great cities the grave-diggers have gone on strike because the owners of the graveyard wouldn't raise their pay from \$4.50 to \$5 per day. The superintendent of the graveyard told the striking grave-diggers that they were the highest paid grave-diggers in the country and that they ought not to complicate the high cost of living by adding a high cost of dying problem. But they struck.

## WEATHER:

Fair tonight; partly cloudy tomorrow. Temperature of 8 a. m. 65 degrees. Normal temperature for this time of year 65 degrees.

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## SENATE COMMITTEE VOTES FOR RETURN OF SHANTUNG TO CHINA

### COPS STAND PAT DESPITE COMMAND TO QUIT A. F. OF L.

By BILL PRICE.

Intimations were strong today that the Policemen's Union of Washington will take no action to withdraw from affiliation with the American Federation of Labor, and will do the "watchful waiting" act for the next move the Commissioners will make to detach them from their connections.

The Commissioners, allowing their ultimatum to the union yesterday to withdraw from affiliation with the Federation, have no purpose to immediately press the union.

Program Is Withheld. Reasonable time will be given the union to decide its course, and then if there is defiance the Commissioners will put into effect their ultimatum of yesterday that they "have reached the conclusion" that they "must take the necessary steps to assure entire and complete independence of the Police Department."

The Commissioners today withheld any hint of the program they have virtually decided upon should the Policemen's Union disregard their requirements.

Members of the legislative committee of the Policemen's Union have been in conference with high officials of the federation, and the results of these conferences will be divulged at the next meeting of the union, to be held within a short time, at which the policy of the union will be determined.

Frank Morrison, secretary of the Federation, stated today that the Federation will "stand by" the men. "The whole thing is a temper in a tea pot," he declared. "There is nothing to the suggestion that police officers, by being affiliated with the Federation, would be influenced to disregard their oaths. We do not believe they would do their duty under the law just as any citizen would do."

Morrison is strongly of the opinion that the Commissioners have acted illegally in their ultimatum, and have violated both the Clayton anti-trust act and the act of June 29, 1886, known as the national trade union act.

Will Await Show Down. As matters looked today the union of Washington policemen will await the inevitable "show down" the Commissioners must make if the union will not accept their ultimatum. (Continued on Page 2, Column 5.)

### FIND BODIES OF AVIATORS IN SEA

PARIS, Aug. 23.—A dispatch to Le Journal from Casa Bianca reported today that French patrol boats had picked up the bodies of three dead men off the African coast. The men are presumably members of the crew of the missing airplane Goliath, the dispatch said.

The Goliath, attempting a flight from France to Dakar, in French Senegal, has not been heard from since last Saturday.

### Keeping Up With The Times

A FACT A DAY

In the past week The Times printed in its classified advertising 624 offers of employment.

The man or woman who wants a position and particularly the man or woman who wants a better position will do well to watch The Times columns.

### SPEAKER GILlett Fails In Effort to Muzzle House's BLIND CHAPLAIN And Prevent PRAYERS FOR LEAGUE OF NATIONS

Speaker Gillett of the House of Representatives cautioned the Rev. Dr. Henry N. Couden, the blind chaplain of the House, against referring to the league of nations in his prayers in the House.

This was admitted today by Dr. Couden on learning that Congressman Heflin, Democrat, Alabama, in a debate in the House yesterday, had charged that a Republican, high in the party, and whom he did not name, had warned against such prayers.

"I am sorry you put politics into your prayers," Dr. Couden said. The speaker told him about a month ago after he had prayed for a league of nations.

"I told him," continued Dr. Couden, "I was not aware I had put politics in the prayer."

He explained that the prayer to which the speaker took exception did not refer to the League of Nations, but to the League of Nations prayer, which he said would "spring from the hearts of the world."

Told of Mr. Heflin's charge that he had been "muzzled" so that he did not refer to the League of Nations again, the chaplain said that, although he was astonished at the effort of the speaker to censor his prayers, he had prayed for a League of Nations several times since spoken to by Mr. Gillett.

"I have been chaplain of the House twenty-four years," said the chaplain today, with trembling voice, "but I have never before been told I must not pray for the League of Nations."

When the Republicans laughed at Mr. Heflin's charge today, he continued:

"Next year, when the people of the country learn that you silenced the lips of the blind chaplain and no longer let him pray for the league of nations, they will laugh at you as they laugh at the money-changers out of the temple of Jerusalem."

### ASK SENATE SPEED PROFITEERS' CURB

Advocates of Food Control Renew Efforts After Victory in House.

With amendments to the food control act through the House, the Senate today was being pressed for early action on the legislation which will give the Department of Justice more power in its hunt for profiteers and hoarders.

The extensions to the war-time act as passed by the House yesterday, without a dissenting vote, provide a \$5,000 fine and imprisonment for profiteers, extend the provisions of the act to wearing apparel and clothing and give the Government power to arrest small as well as large profiteers.

Sentiment in the Senate Agriculture Committee, which has the amendments, today was asked by Attorney General Palmer, under consideration, so far has been set against them.

Palmer, however, has held conferences with Senators on the proposed legislation and will meet them again soon in an effort to secure early action.

The House yesterday, after extending the food act to cover rent profiteers, reconsidered and struck out the amendment.

### N. Y. HOUSEWIVES ON TRAIL OF HOARDERS

NEW YORK, Aug. 23.—A direct campaign against the high cost of food was under way today with 50,000 housewives enlisted to check up prices charged by retail grocers with the "fair price list" issued by the Federal Food Administrator.

### Lodge Says Treaty Will Be Reported In Week

Within a week the Foreign Relations Committee will be ready to report the peace treaty to the Senate, Senator Lodge has assured Administration leaders, among them Senator Hitchcock, it was learned today.

Hearings to be granted Greeks, Egyptians, Irish, and others will be deferred until after the committee reports, if that is necessary to avoid delay, according to Republican committee members' plans.

The committee met today in executive session to begin voting on treaty amendments. The meeting was preceded by a conference of Republican members, who hoped at that time to unite on a program of committee work that will speed up as much as possible the disposition of the amendments.

### That Ball Room Wiggle Has Gotta Go, Kid; 'Sall Wrong, Say Dance Bosses

NEW YORK, Aug. 23.—Shimmy, shivery, shimmy synopses, ear-splitting jazz music, and "public vulgarly poorly disguised as dancing" must go. This was the unanimous opinion expressed today by dancing masters from every part of the United States who assembled here to attend the annual convention of the American National Association of Masters of Dancing.

Not only do the instructors, who represent the highest class of social dancing, but they will formally join forces with welfare bureaus and women police in the larger cities to ban those wiggles of modern times from both public and private ball rooms.

The steps and glides that have grown out of the syncretistic jazz music of today will be replaced by more graceful and more moral treads to the tune of a tempo—"A happy medium between the Colonial minuet and the shimmy."

See Terpsichore Go With Bacchus. "Immoral dancing has gone as far as one direction as an impatient public will permit it to go," declared Fenton Bott, of Dayton, Ohio, president of the association. "Either the dancing masters must educate the people to discard suggestive movements in the ballroom or justly alarmed parents will demand that the police abolish all dancing, just as they have banished John Barleycorn. Do you call the shimmy dancing? Well, I'll tell you the history of that dance."

"It was first discovered four years ago in a negro dance hall in Chicago. Several instructors saw the negroes going through the movements, and, seeing an opportunity to make money, introduced it in society."

Jazz Music Root of Evil. "You can't reform dancing, though, until you reform music. Abolish the jazz—that horrible medley of cowbells, drums, and wash boilers. Modern music compels you to adopt those jerky steps, and we intend to introduce a tempo to take the place of those syncretisms."

"Women police in every large city in the country have been trying in vain to fight this evil and we now are going to help them. We will establish an information bureau in Washington, Mass., where our secretary, George F. Walters, will distribute upon request, pictures and literature describing what is proper dancing and what is not. The welfare workers really do not know themselves what is proper dancing."

Refined people will voluntarily adopt proper steps and positions; others will be forced to."

Women's Spines and Sailors' Knots. More Christensen, of Portland, Ore., blamed "the melting pot class" for "these startling conditions."

"When women stop twisting their spines into sailors' knots and dance from the waist down instead of from the waist up, the ballroom will become a safe place for refined young girls," he asserted with energy. "Our music today is filled with half-tones."

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### BRIDE'S MA DENIES DISTURBING HUBBY

Wife Says Frank Kent Wasn't Even Invited on "Honeymoon."

NEW YORK, Aug. 23.—"I didn't interrupt Frank Kent's honeymoon; he interrupted my rest cure," said Mrs. Margaret Wiley.

She was accused by her son-in-law, Frank R. Kent, an automobile salesman, before Magistrate Sweetser, of the West Side Court, of accompanying him, uninvited, on his honeymoon.

According to Grace Wiley Kent, a petite blonde of about twenty, Kent wasn't invited on the trip he called his honeymoon at all. The bride said: "I don't want to live with Frank. I wouldn't care if he offered me Schwab's mansion or a house at Newport. I am afraid of him. He struck my mother and he threatened to kill me."

"He didn't buy me an engagement ring, because he was going to give me an automobile instead. An automobile! Why, he couldn't even pay his board, and I had to give him spending money. I don't know why he calls himself an automobile salesman. He hasn't worked since we were married."

### H. C. L. PROBE WIDENED TO INCLUDE FUEL AND RENTALS

An inquiry into the cost of living in the District of Columbia, broader in scope than yet promulgated, is going to be insisted on by Congressman Ben Johnson of Kentucky.

Mr. Johnson, who is ranking minority member of the House District Subcommittee, named to investigate the police department and branches of the District government, announced today he would offer an amendment to the Mapes resolution authorizing the inquiry so as to provide for a cost of living inquiry.

Rents Important Factor. "I am going to insist on an amendment that will authorize the subcommittee to investigate food, fuel, feed, raiment, and rent in the District of Columbia," Mr. Johnson said.

"The question of food and rent enter into the cost of living, but feed, fuel and raiment are important factors in the family budget here."

"Under the provisions of the resolution, if this amendment is carried, our committee would be empowered to compel the production of books and papers showing just how the four items which play the most important part in the cost of living are handled here."

Requires An Accounting. The resolution, introduced in the House by Chairman Mapes, of the House District Committee, authorizing an inquiry into the affairs of the District government, is identical with that under the House District Committee operated when Congressman Johnson, of Kentucky, was chairman.

Under this resolution the District Committee was able to require an accounting by the District, which resulted in the payment of \$2,000,000. U. S. Treasury of \$2,000,000.

Sum Withheld. Due to the system of auditing in operation at the District Building, it was found that this sum had been withheld from the credit of the District when it should have been paid.

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### YANKS OVERSEAS MAY FIGHT AGAIN

Situation in Silesia Demands Presence of Americans, Say Peace Delegates.

PARIS, Aug. 23.—American troops may be sent into upper Silesia before the peace treaty is ratified, if the chaotic situation there does not clear up, according to officials close to the American delegation today. In this event, it is probable that the units would be withdrawn from the American army of occupation on the Rhine.

How the American people would regard such a step appears to be the only hitch to immediate action as all reports from upper Silesia indicate the situation there demands urgent measures.

Herbert Hoover and others are understood to have expressed the opinion that a few Americans could do more than the combined army of any of the allies, because the people there have the utmost trust in Americans.

### PENCIL MAY SOLVE SLAYING MYSTERY

CHESTER, W. Va., Aug. 23.—The condition of a lead pencil after it has been in the water fifteen hours is a method being used by the police to determine how long the body of Herbert Allison of this place remained in the river before being found. Allison is believed to have been murdered and robbed and the body then cast into the river.

In the clothing was a lead pencil and local officials maintain that had the body been in the water fifteen hours, the pencil would have absorbed sufficient water to cause it to crack.

TAKE BELL-ANK BEFORE MEALS and see how fine good digestion makes you feel. —Adv.

### MRS. JOHN W. DAVIS, the charming new hostess of the American Embassy in London.



### MEXICO FEARS INTERVENTION BY U. S. FORCES

Investigation of the "cause and character" of the border situation has been ordered by the Mexican senate, according to press dispatches received in Washington today.

A resolution was approved instructing the Committee on Foreign Relations to investigate "international crisis" and to make recommendations.

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., Aug. 23.—Reports from the border received by the two Mexican newspapers here, La Prensa and El Imparcial, say the situation "looks very grave," and that the already strained relations between the United States and Mexico have been made much worse by the developments of the last few days.

In many Mexican towns close to the line, refugees are arriving from the interior, most of them fearing intervention is at hand. The reports to Imparcial say many Americans who left this country to keep from serving the United States in war time have fled from the interior of Mexico in the last few days, and gone to cities.

More Planes Ready to Cross. Several more airplanes are ready to leave Kelly field today if they are needed by Col. George T. Langhorne, commander at Marfa. These planes (Continued on Page 2, Column 6.)

### CHARGE OFFICERS SOLD ARMY FOOD

PARIS, Aug. 23.—A number of American army officers attached to the Romanorantin camp, where vast army supplies were stored, are being held on this side of the Atlantic pending an investigation into charges that army stores were sold and destroyed.

It was reported today that several officers will soon be arraigned before a court-martial at Brest to answer the charge of selling materials belonging to the American expeditionary forces to French civilians without proper authority.

LEAVES 145 SURVIVORS. BRISTOL, Tenn., Aug. 23.—Twelve children, eighty-two grandchildren and fifty-one great grandchildren—a total of 145—survive Charles E. Holden, seventy-eight, a Confederate veteran who died at his home in Glade Springs, Va. During the second year of the civil war he was married to Elizabeth Franklin. Six grandsons acted as pallbearers at the funeral and an equal number of granddaughters acted as flower bearers.

SUGAR AT 10 CENTS A POUND. CUMBERLAND, Md., Aug. 23.—The city authorities at a meeting yesterday decided to instruct the war equalization board to forward at once 50,000 pounds of sugar, which will be sold to householders in twenty-five-pound lots at a price not to exceed 10 cents a pound.

### PLAN TO OUST JAPANESE IS ADOPTED BY 9 TO 8 VOTE

The Senate Foreign Relations Committee today, by a vote of nine to eight, struck the word "Japan" from the provisions of the peace treaty relating to the disposition of Germany's rights to Shantung and inserted the word "China."

The effect of the amendment is to provide for the return of the territory to China.

Senator Lodge made the motion. Senator McCumber, Republican, voted with the Democrats against it. Otherwise the vote was on party lines.

Is First Amendment. This is the first amendment to the treaty made by the committee. After making it, the committee proceeded to consider other amendments in executive session.

Leaving the committee room after the roll call, Senator Brandegee made the following statement:

"The committee has just voted on a roll call by a vote of 9 to 8, Senator McCumber voting with the Democrats, to strike out the word 'Japan' wherever it appears in articles 156, 157 and 158 of the treaty of Versailles, and insert in lieu thereof the word 'China.'"

"The effect of this is that the committee on Foreign Relations favors the return of the German concessions in Shantung to China instead of to Japan."

"Senator Shields, Hitchcock and Pittman, Democrats, were not present, but by agreement their votes were recorded in the negative. Senator Lodge made the motion to strike out Japan and insert China."

### PERSHING TO SAIL FOR HOME SEPT. 1

General Pershing, commander-in-chief of the American expeditionary forces, has changed his plans, and will now sail for the United States September 1 on the Leviathan, he cabled the War Department today.

### A. F. OF L. COUNCIL TO TAKE UP PLUM PLAN

A meeting of the executive council of the American Federation of Labor has been called for August 8 in Washington, immediately following the return of President Samuel Gompers from Europe. It was announced today.

The council will take up the Plum plan.

### U. S. OFFICIALS ARREST CARRANZA PAYMASTER

NOGALES, N. M., Aug. 23.—M. J. Dominguez, who said he is a paymaster in the Carranza army and a member of the staff of Governor Call of Sonora, was held for investigation by United States officials today.

Dominguez was arrested by army intelligence officers near Nogales yesterday. He had 6,000 rounds of revolver ammunition in his possession, officials asserted.

### GRAVEDIGGERS STRIKE

NEW YORK, Aug. 23.—A committee representing twenty-seven striking gravediggers at Greenwood Cemetery, Brooklyn, called on Superintendent Grassau today and demanded an increase from \$4 a day to \$6, the day to be eight hours. Mr. Grassau refused the demand and a strike followed. James Bloomer, one of the three gravediggers who did not strike, was beaten on his way to work. Mr. Grassau said.

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